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Thought For Today
Eloquence has turned the scale of war and peace at will.—Emerson.

Approval By Committee Of Big War Fund

Hundreds of Millions For Expanded Army

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—The senate appropriations committee approved today an unprecedented \$32,762,737,000 defense fund, an increase of \$691,836,000 over the amount which had been voted by the house.

The committee increases include \$596,836,000 for clothing and equipage for an expanded army and \$95,000,000 which committee members said was to provide warehousing for lend-lease goods.

At the request of farm bloc members, the committee approved a restriction which would require any cotton purchases by the government to be made on the open market.

This was designed, members said, to prevent use of government held cotton surpluses at prices below the market for manufacture of cotton clothing and other army equipment.

Speedy senate passage of the mammoth military bill, carrying more than \$23,000,000,000 for the war department, \$5,430,000,000 for lease-lend activities and \$3,852,000,000 for merchant ship construction, seemed likely to point up a busy week in congress.

Taking time out for the reading in both houses today of George Washington's farewell address, the legislators looked ahead to a program of heavy work, starting tomorrow.

The no-longer controversial issue of repealing congressional pension legislation was due for consideration before the house, with the prospect that the vote there might exceed proportionately the senate's 75 to 5 ballot for the repealer.

Scheduled for debate also was a general war powers bill, a measure to provide government insurance against war property damage, and a bill to set up a women's auxiliary force to aid the army in home defense tasks. Continuation of the life of the Dies committee investigating unamerican activities also was regarded as likely.

In the senate, the farm bloc had the right of way for consideration, probably tomorrow, of a measure to ban the sale of government-held surplus farm crops when sales might depress commodity prices.

Sixteen Perish As Boat Sank

NEXTPORT, Ky., Feb. 23.—(P)—Rivermen struggled today to recover the bodies of 16 persons from the splintered towboat G. W. McBride, smashed against a stone bridge pier in the swollen Ohio river before dawn Sunday.

The partly submerged wreckage lay near midstream, pinned to the pier by treacherous currents which caused the Ohio's worst tragedy in more than 20 years. The bridge connects Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

Most of the victims—believed to be 13 men and three women—were asleep in their crew bunks when the Ohio River company's 170-foot boat crashed as it was towing four loaded coal barges and a fuel flat.

"She went down just about as fast as it takes you to climb from the first to the second floor," said Ernest Easter, 37-year-old deck hand.

He was one of five crewmen rescued.

The McBride was backing off when she hit the pier broadside.

"The first crash was rather light," Engineer R. W. Hineman said, "then someone gave the distress whistle and the captain said: 'My God, boys, there is something wrong—this is serious' and ran from the table. I ran from the kitchen and heard one of the ladies say:

"It's a-sinking boys, get out if you can."

"I ran to the back of the boat x x x and climbed out in water up to my waist on the other side."

Cut loose, the four barges floated downstream where one sank, two were picked up by the towboat Peace and another was beached.

Slight Fire Damage

A fire, said by firemen to have been caused by a defective flue, caused slight damage at the home of Lee Suther, 1007 East Thirteenth street this afternoon. The fire departments were called.

If You Miss Your Paper Call 1000 Before 7 P. M.

The Democrat desires that all subscribers receive their papers promptly and that those not receiving them on time please be sure to call 1000 before 7 p. m. evenings during the week, or before 10 a. m. Sunday mornings, that they may not miss an issue. After those hours no one is available to make a second delivery.

President's Address
Be at 9 O'Clock
The address of President Roosevelt on "The World at War" will be at 9 o'clock tonight and will be carried on all networks.

Six Die In Blaze At Akron Hotel

AKRON, O., Feb. 23.—(P)—Three women and three men died today in a fire which destroyed the Eleanor hotel, in a 70-year-old building at High and Market streets in downtown Akron.

The dead were identified tentatively as:

Mrs. Margaret Barrett, who formerly operated the hotel; Miss Effie Hinton, about 26, cafe singer; Mrs. Mary Shannon, 54; Paul Franklin Springfield, 32, Clarksburg, W. Va., Chet Talkington, 45, a house painter, and one unidentified man.

Churchill In Shakeup of His Cabinet

Sir James Grigg Is Named As War Minister

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(P)—The most drastic overhauling that Prime Minister Churchill has given his line-up of ministers since becoming Britain's war leader in 1940—and his second big shakeup in four days—still left some of his critics unconvinced today that he really had cleared the national political decks for action.

While the world waited for an anticipated official survey of the Red army's present positions on this 24th anniversary of the Red army's organization the day drew toward a close with little to fulfill that expectation.

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Youngest Commissioned Officer



Louis E. Bowlds, 19, of Omaha, Neb., looks at his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in U. S. Army Reserve, making him the youngest commissioned officer in the country. With him is Miss Betty Stone. (NEA TELEPHOTO)

On To Victory Stalin Urges Red Armies

Uses Generalities In Telling Of Gains Achieved

By the Associated Press

Joseph Stalin, voicing regret that Russia has no allies in the fighting line with Red army, urged his millions of soldiers and civilians today to fight on to "complete victory" in their "war of liberation."

In an order commemorating Red Army Day, the premier-defense commissar told his people that the way would be hard.

The Germans, he said, have allies fighting beside them while "so far we have not been in that position."

There is, however, a small RAF unit fighting from Russian bases and a large Polish army is being organized on Soviet soil.

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Panama Tanker Is Torpedoed

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Feb. 23.—(P)—The Panamanian tanker Thalia was torpedoed today near the Moncos Islands about 100 miles from the Dutch Caribbean Island of Aruba. Aneta news agency reported. It said three lifeboats carrying members of the tanker's crew were sighted about 50 miles off the Moncos Island.

Murray To Be Freed On Parole

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—(P)—Matthew S. Murray, former state WPA administrator, now in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., on an income tax evasion conviction, is scheduled to be released on parole Sunday.

The U. S. district attorney's office here said the parole was granted by the federal board of paroles following a hearing at the prison.

Murray, who served as Kansas City public works director at the same time he directed the Missouri WPA, was committed to prison March 20, 1941, after having been convicted by Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves, who passed on the evidence without a jury. He was sentenced to two years.

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Bothwell Hospital Notes

Mrs. George Himmelheber, 501 West Seventh street, L. B. Young, 421 East Eleventh street, and Mrs. Richard Lower, Houston, were admitted for medical treatment.

Mrs. M. M. Wood, 308 East Eighteenth street, was admitted for surgery.

Girls Contest In Cherry Pie Baking

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(P)—Nine attractive girls from as many different states took out their rolling pins and sifters today and began mixing up dough each hoped would produce "America's Best Cherry Pie." The occasion was the annual National Cherry Pie Baking Contest sponsored by the National Hatchet club.

A tour of the leading army camps of the country was the prize offered the winner.

The contestants, all high school or college girls ranging from 16 to 19 years of age, included Betty Sunderland of Fayette, Mo.

Helps MacArthur



Rear Admiral Francis W. Rockwell, U. S. N., who, according to an announcement made in Washington, heads the naval forces that are fighting with MacArthur in the Philippines. (NEA TELEPHOTO)

Lull Comes To Bitter Fighting In Philippines

Two of Staff of Gen. MacArthur Are Decorated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—The War Department reported today that fighting had died down in the Philippines, both on the Bataan peninsula and in the duel between the Manila bay forts and Japanese shore batteries.

A communiqué said there was practically no enemy air or ground activity in the past twenty-four hours on the peninsula, and that firing between the harbor defenses and the siege batteries had entirely ceased.

There was no explanation either in the communiqué or from military sources.

Three weeks have elapsed since General Douglas MacArthur's outnumbered defending army fought to a halt the latest full scale enemy offensive.

The communiqué said that on recommendation of MacArthur, President Manuel Quezon of the Philippine commonwealth had awarded the Distinguished Service Star of the Philippines to Major General Richard K. Sutherland, chief of staff, and Brigadier General Richard J. Marshall, deputy chief of staff, of General MacArthur's forces.

The decoration is the highest of the common

Destroy or Scatter Invasion Fleet Of Japanese At Bali
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Sumatra, 250 miles northwest of Batavia, and machine gunned other large ships in that vicinity. Among other widespread aerial operations, the communiqué said two reconnaissance planes escaped from 17 Japanese naval planes and "successfully completed their tasks."

Four Japanese planes were declared shot down and a fifth badly damaged during Japanese attacks yesterday on Java airfields.

Allied bombers also heavily attacked the airfield at Denpasar on southeastern Bali which the Japanese had occupied, the communiqué said.

"The magnificent successes of the allied sea and air forces justify the belief that the conquest of Bali means to the Japanese as large a pyrrhic victory as the conquest of burning homes at Tarakan, Balik Papan and Palembang," the government statement said, referring to the great property destruction by the Dutch at those productive oil centers of Borneo and Sumatra before their capture by the Japanese.

"Owing to the strong action by the allied air and sea forces it can be assumed that the fleet which the Japanese sent out for the conquest of Bali has for the greater part been destroyed or badly damaged."

It said that at present, however, it was impossible to give further particulars of that state of affairs on Bali.

Previously, however, strong resistance had been reported on that 100-mile long island which flanks Java to the east.

Denpasar, the seized airport, is at the southeastern corner of the island, and is near the only favorable harbor of the island. Rich rice lands extend along the Alluvial coastal plain westward from Denpasar, but the capital, Singaraja, on the north coast, is separated from the flat area by a lofty mountain range.

Resist In Sumatra
Bitter delaying resistance also continued in Sumatra, on the west flank of Java, but today's communiqué for the first time officially confirmed Japanese reports of a landing in Dutch Timor.

The communiqué said the Japanese were attacking Koepang in Timor, but were meeting with stout resistance.

The attacks on Bali and Timor, 600 miles farther east, were a dire threat to the Indies' lifeline from San Francisco and Darwin in Australia, but Dutch and allied defenders were greatly encouraged by the display of their air and sea power in the battle off Bali.

Yesterday, the communiqué said, the Japanese devoted themselves to trying to knock out the airports from which allied planes had struck so effectively.

All day the Japanese bombed and machine-gunned airfields near Batavia, the capital that stands threatened by the advance down Sumatra, Buitenzorg, on the railway between Batavia and this military headquarters in the mountains, Jogjakarta, near the south coast, the naval base at Soerabaya and Malang near Bali.

"Some damage was done here and there. Three or four Japanese fighters were shot down," the communiqué said. "There were only a few casualties."

Claim Town Captured

TOKYO (from Japanese broadcasts) Feb. 23.—(P)—Japanese forces, seeking to complete occupation of the island of Bali, off the eastern tip of Java, have captured the town of Benpasar, "an important strategical point" on the southern coast, imperial headquarters announced today. (Benpasar, situated on the east side of a short peninsula jutting from the south shore of Bali, is about 70 miles from the nearest point on Java.)

(A Domesi dispatch from Saigon, French Indo-China, reported meanwhile that Japanese planes had bombed the Burmese town of Pegu, about 50 miles north of Rangoon on the railway connecting with the Burma road.

Imperial headquarters announced today that Japanese warplanes shot down or destroyed on the ground 39 enemy aircraft in extensive weekend operations over Java and Burma.

Reputation High In Bombing

BANDOENG, Java, Feb. 23.—(P)—American fliers have won the respect of their Dutch comrades and have established high reputation as bombing experts in the Straits of Macassar, southern Sumatra and off Bali.

The American, Dutch, British and Australian fighter pilots have gained considerable experience in the battle for the Netherlands East Indies and are confident they can outfly and outfight any of the Japanese airmen, given equal material.

"Three hundred good fighters could turn the scales completely in favor of the allies," one American said today.

A Dutch officer commented: "These Americans are formidable foes to come up against when they're operating the giant Boeing Flying Fortresses. I would hate to be on a ship which was the target of American low-level bombing."

Visitor Here



**On To Victory
Stalin Urges
Red Armies**
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Jumps the most important victory reports in an occasional special communiqué. Today's regular communiques at midnight and at midday in Moscow went little beyond generalities. On the other hand, the German high command—presumably to steal in advance the thunder of any big Russian victory announcement—repeated in some detail previous claims of heavy Russian losses in "fruitless" attacks.

From Jan. 1 to Feb. 20, the Germans said, 56,806 Russian prisoners had been taken. "The bloody losses of the enemy represent many times that figure," Berlin boasted, then gave a list of Russian material seized or destroyed in the same period.

Mrs. Mary A. Monroe, who is spending the winter with Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Monroe, 1320 West Fourth street. Dr. Monroe is her eldest son. She was recently honoree at a dinner, upon the occasion of her 89th birthday. She exhibits remarkable mental and physical vigor, attending and enjoying every session of the recent evangelistic conference at the First Baptist church. One of her sons, Dr. George C. Monroe and Mrs. Monroe of Harrisonville, were here for the conference.

**Lull Comes To
Bitter Fighting
In Philippines**

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"absolutely fearless" and have made excellent fighting men with the Philippine Commonwealth army, the War Department said.

An Igorot company of perhaps 125 men had been wiped out to a man in vain defense of a position on the rugged battle line. To restore the position, an attack was ordered by a tank unit supported by Igorot infantry eager to even the score.

Jungle foliage was so thick the American tank drivers could not see, so the Igorot commander maneuvered his men to the top, where they served as eyes for the drivers. Exposed targets, they went shouting into action, firing automatic pistols.

"Bataan has seen many wild mornings, but nothing to equal this," MacArthur said. "No quarter was asked and none was given. Always above the din of the battle rose the fierce shouts of the Igorots as they rode the tanks and fired their pistols.

Towns and the territory as far south as Birdum, southern terminus of a railway from Darwin, were included, Exchange Telegraph said.

From Birdum to Alice Springs, a 600-mile all-weather highway links with another railway which extends to Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and other centers in the more heavily populated areas of the south.

Darwin had two heavy air raids last week, and the alarms were sounded a third time. Four miles of the southbound railway were damaged by Japanese bombs, but quickly repaired.

**Open Radio Link
To New Zealand**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—Assurances that their nations would fight together and achieve victory were exchanged today by President Roosevelt and Peter Fraser, prime minister of New Zealand, in messages opening a direct radio-telegraph circuit between the United States and the British Dominion.

Each spoke of the bonds of friendship between the two countries and Mr. Roosevelt transmitted his assurance that "We shall leave nothing undone to achieve our common objective of freeing our world once and for all of the forces of aggression."

Fraser told the president that the new radio link should promote cooperation in the prosecution of a common task: "The achievement of a complete and lasting victory over the enemies of freedom and democracy."

**Father And Son
Banquet At Smithton**

The annual father and son banquet was held at the Methodist church in Smithton Friday night. There were 160 persons served, the Rev. E. J. Weiss, presiding. The invocation was asked by Rev. E. L. Rutherford.

There were four numbers by the Smithton high school sextet, composed of Helen Luetjen, Lillian Luetjen, Richard Luce, Donald Lee Hoech, Donald Mahnken and Prof. Welden Harris. David Mahnken sang a solo, and the address of the evening was made by Rev. Herman Janssen. His talk was on The Business of Living, divided into three parts, Wish, Will and Work.

The decorations were patriotic, carrying out the George Washington birthday idea.

**WPA To Aid In
Civilian Defense**

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—(P)—The funeral of Frank A. Clifford, superintendent of stations and claims prevention for the Missouri Pa-

had been granted sweeping authority to cut red tape to the bone, make needed purchases on the spot and work employees unlimited hours if an emergency arose.

**FBI Course To
Patrolmen**

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 23.—(P)—Highway patrolmen from every troop in the state are meeting in Kansas City today for an FBI-taught course in emergency traffic handling which they will pass on to a 600-man auxiliary patrol to be organized soon.

The auxiliary volunteers, to be taken mostly from Civilian Defense rolls and the American Legion, will be trained in emergency traffic direction and other police work. They will serve without pay.

Patrol Supt. M. Stanley Ginn said the groups would be organized in 30 zones over the state, each with about 20 members. Legion members will be accepted regardless of age, others must be between 24 and 30 years old.

The force will be called out only in emergencies, will not have regular police authority nor carry arms and will not be given full patrol commissions. Instead they will get identification credentials for themselves and their cars.

Ginn said he hoped at least half the men would have automobiles equipped with car radios which can be tuned to patrol broadcasts.

Negotiate On Fisheries

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Feb. 23.—(P)—Japan and Soviet Russia still are negotiating over renewal of their fisheries agreement, which expired Dec. 31, but diplomatic informants said today that no new accord had been signed.

Reserves Ready For Action

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.—(P)—Red Star declared today that powerful Russian army reserves, backed by a fresh airforce equipped with British Hurricane fighting planes, have completed training at bases in the Urals and are ready for action.

**Darwin Under
Military Rule**

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 23.—(P)—The northern part of the northern territory of Australia, including the bomb-scarred port Darwin, was placed under military control today, War Minister Francis Forde announced.

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When the attack was over the remnants of the tanks and of the Igorots was still there but the 20th Japanese Infantry regiment was completely annihilated.

The regiment numbered 1,200 to 1,500 men, officials estimated.

MacArthur told an assembly of his officers that in his military career he had never "known the Igorots riding the tanks," and advised the officers that "When you tell that story stand in tribute to those gallant Igorots."

**G K Aiken
Budget Director**

Governor Charles A. Sprague, of the state of Oregon, has appointed George K. Aiken, editor of the Ontario (Oregon) Argus, and member of the State Game Commission to succeed David Eccles, of that state, as executive secretary and director of the budget there. The appointment becomes effective March 1.

Mr. Aiken is a brother of A. D. Aiken, 510½ South Kentucky avenue, this city.

George K. Aiken has been a resident of Oregon for 26 years, during which time he has served as a president of the Oregon Publishers Association and of the Newspaper Conference of the past Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis, and was for twenty years mayor of Ontario, Ore.

Prior to going to Oregon he was a Washington newspaperman, covering the legislative sessions at Olympia for the Tacoma Ledger. Previously he covered the Minnesota legislature in St. Paul for the Pioneer Press.

**Arrange Duel
With Sabers**

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 23.—(P)—Arrangements were reported completed today for a duel with sabers between Col. Enrique Rottier, former acting governor of Buenos Aires Province, and Raul Damonte Taborda, head of the congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities.

The duel, upon which Col. Rottier was said to have insisted because of election campaign remarks made by Damonte Taborda, was reported set for late today. The place was not disclosed.

Damonte Taborda was said to have proposed the use of pistols. Rottier, claiming the right as an defendant party to choose the weapons, was said to have demanded sabers.

Father of Gen. Franco Dies

MADRID, Feb. 23.—(P)—Gen. Nicolas Franco, father of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, died today. He was 86. He had lived in retirement for more than ten years and had been ill for more than a year.

had been granted sweeping authority to cut red tape to the bone, make needed purchases on the spot and work employees unlimited hours if an emergency arose.

Broadway Sees Red, White and Blue as Night Clubs Hit High Note of Patriotism

Night club entertainers have adopted new, patriotic routines. You might not recognize this scene as part of a floor show, but it is. Adele Jergens, comedienne Martinique, makes a defense stamp sale as she hawks her patriotic wares among La Martinique patrons as part of the New York club's finale.



cific railroad, will be held here tomorrow with burial at Alton, Ill., his birthplace.

Clifford, inventor of a truck cab used by many railroads and an authority on scientific packaging and freight loading, died Saturday night. He was 65.

**Hopes Diminish
On Rangoon**

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(P)—British hopes of holding Rangoon against superior Japanese forces were regarded by observers here tonight as considerably diminished, and with them hopes of preventing invasion of all Burma.

Very little official information on the fighting was available and some informed sources suggested that the cables from Rangoon might have been cut.

The last word was that British troops were fighting somewhere between the Bilin and Sittang rivers, the latter only 20 miles east of the Rangoon-Lashio railway which feeds the Burma road.

The view that the British soon would be forced to fall back upon India's defenses was advanced because of the speed with which the Japanese forced the Salween and Bilin river lines.

The break through the Bilin defenses, where the British were said to have constructed "A series of strong points," indicated that the invasion forces had been reinforced with troops diverted from Malaya after the fall of Singapore.

Agronsky, an NBC commentator broadcasting from Sydney, Australia. No official report of such a deficiency has been received, the navy said, but Blandy began his inquiry on the basis of Agronsky's broadcast.

2. Informed British sources asserted yesterday that Prime Minister Churchill planned to enlarge India's powers of self-government and send a cabinet representative there to try to "put the India problem on a more satisfactory footing."

There was as yet no precise indications of how far Britain would go toward granting autonomy, but the government was said to be planning tentatively for an Indian national administration headed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former president of the Nationalist Congress party in which Mohandas K. Gandhi has been the guiding spirit.

The warship was conveying American troops ships somewhere in Java. When the convoy was six hours at sea, the warship picked up a broadcast from Tokyo actually describing both the make up of the convoy and its destination. Two hours later 32 Japanese bombers appeared overhead and bombed the convoy.

"I asked the lieutenant if they had shot down any Japs. He answered it was so hard to hit the Japs with the ammunition on board. I asked him why.

"He explained that the anti-aircraft ammunition was 1930 and 1931 issue and when it had been tested a year ago, it was found to be only 30 per cent efficient."

**Assistant Coach
At MU To Wed**

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 23.—(P)—Harry Smith, assistant football coach at Missouri U., will be married this weekend to Miss Mabel Geoghegan of Bardstown, Ky.

Smith joined the M. U. coaching staff a year ago after playing pro ball at Detroit.

The broadcast, heard by CBS,

said the British forces falling back toward the Sittang under strong rear guard action were inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese.

Elmer F. Strain, secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Kansas, with headquarters in Topeka, spent Saturday here with A. D. Aiken, 510½ South Kentucky avenue. Mr. Strain was en route to Washington, D. C. He was for many years a traffic officer on the Rock Island Lines.

Italian planes bombed the Acroma airfield in the Tobruk area, the high command said.

It announced that the British

Mediterranean base of Malta had been bombed by strong German

air units and that two enemy

merchant ships had been sunk in the Mediterranean.

**Propaganda
Before Speech
Of President**

**Roosevelt Tonight
To Make Address
On World War**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(P)—The White House said today the Japanese radio at Tokyo was "putting on its biggest propaganda campaign, for the purpose of tearing down" in advance the address President Roosevelt will deliver tonight on the war.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON—A highly interesting transaction whereby the Republican National committee from Oregon sold the Government a big tract of land for a new government aluminum plant has just come to the attention of the Justice Department.

Officially the name of Ralph H. Cake, Republican National committee, did not appear in the transaction.

However, the records show that Ralph Cake, who owned the tract of land, deeded it to the Portland Mortgage company, of which he is president and chief owner, for the nominal sum of \$10. Later the Portland Mortgage company sold the land to the government for \$80,000.

One other interesting phase of the whole business was the fact that the Interior Department was dead opposed to this location of the new aluminum plant. The plant is one of the wartime aluminum factories built by the government, but to be operated by Alcoa for the production of emergency aluminum. It will get power from Bonneville Dam.

The Interior Department, which operates Bonneville Dam, proposed that the plant be located near the dam. This would save expensive power transmission lines, also would put the plant further inland, away from coastal attack.

The Interior Department put up a vigorous argument on this point. But the Alcoa people, plus certain interests in the War Department argued for the other site. The debate continued some time. But in the end, Mr. Cake's Mortgage company made a lush sale.

Nazi Sabotage
In fixing blame for the Normandie fire and other suspicious tragedies, it might be well to review the sabotage fire at Kingsland, N. J., in 1917, for which an international court held Germany responsible.

The Kingsland plant was making shells for Russia at the rate of 3,000,000 per month. Later it was testified that a workman named Wozniak had spilled a pan of alcohol over his bench just before the blaze started. There was also evidence regarding the use of incendiary pencils—pencils containing one-half sulphuric acid, one-half chlorate of potassium, and sugar; so when the pencil is broken and the two parts mixed, a white hot flame spouts forth.

The U. S. government charged that Wozniak, a Russian who had served in the Austrian army, was hired by a German agent named Hirsch to use incendiary pencils to start the fire.

Today, Wozniak is still in the United States. Some time ago he applied for American citizenship, but was refused on the advice of the State Department. There is no suspicion that he has been engaged in sabotage in this war, but there is suspicion that the same method of several dozen incendiary pencils might have been thrown into the staterooms of the Normandie.

Gas Masks for Senators
Jim Landis, new Civil Defense administrator, was testifying before the Senate Appropriations committee of which Senator Carter Glass of Virginia is chairman. Glass has known Landis for years, used to heckle him when, as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Landis was heckling Wall Street. Now they are more friendly.

This time Landis testified regarding Civil Defense appropriations—fire fighting equipment, first aid, gas masks. The gas masks evoked quite a debate. Finally, as Landis concluded and left the room, he met Senator Glass in the corridor.

"I had to leave," said the Senator, pointing to his arguing colleagues. "I had no gas mask."

NOTE: Landis is weeding out Mrs. R.'s and LaGuardia's deadwood, bringing order out of Civil Defense chaos.

Sugar Shortage
If there is an investigation of the sugar shortage, certain Agriculture Department masterminds will have to do a lot of explaining.

Few know that these masterminds, over the protests of do-

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Just Town Talk

A SEDALIA

TEACHER
WAS TALKING To
HER PUPILS—
PRIMARY PUPILS—
THE OTHER Day
ABOUT THE War
AND WAS Telling

THEM
HOW NICE
IT WOULD BE
FOR THEM
TO SAVE Their
PENNIES
AND NICKELS
AND BUY
DEFENSE STAMPS
"I WAS A
LITTLE GIRL
IN SCHOOL
DURING ANOTHER War"

SHE EXPLAINED
"AND JUST Like
YOU ARE Doing
NOW
I SAVED MY Money
TO BUY
BONDS
ONLY WE Didn't
CALL THEM
DEFENSE BONDS"
SHE HAD The
UNDIVIDED ATTENTION
OF HER Class
BUT SHE Was
RATHER
TAKEN BACK
WHEN ONE Child
IN ALL Seriousness
ASKED
"WAS THAT
THE CIVIL War?"
I THANK YOU

domestic beet-sugar producers, last year forced a reduction of sugar beet acreage of from 17 to 20 percent; also that cane which would have yielded 300,000 tons of sugar was left to rot in Puerto Rican fields because processing was prohibited.

Sugar producers on the other hand, vigorously urged that domestic quotas be lifted to permit maximum output. But the Agriculture moguls refused to heed these warnings. Led by Secretary Claude Wickard, they insisted the United States had ample sugar supplies for all needs—and they kept on churning this refrain right up to a few weeks ago when Wickard, as a guest speaker at Mrs. Roosevelt's Sunday night radio program, completely changed his tune and broke the news that sugar would have to be rationed.

Wickard bases the shortage on two grounds: (1) heavy demands from our allies, particularly Russia, whose sugar producing region has been devastated by the Nazis; (2) greatly reduced imports from the Philippines and Hawaii.

Wickard is correct about our allies, but only partially so on the islands.

The Philippines are out, but not Hawaii. Large munitions shipments are constantly going to these islands, and instead of coming back empty, the ships can carry sugar.

Agriculture Department tycoons are making a big ado about how essential their activities are to the war effort. One essential might be less bungling in unrestricting farm production.

NOTE: Puerto Rico now has on hand, and waiting to be ground, more sugar-cane than it is allowed to process under the production quota set by the Agriculture Department.

Capital Chaff

Philipine Commissioner Joaquin "Mike" Elizalde wrote to President Quezon last October, asking for \$80,000 for new quarters in Washington. In the return mail, Quezon sent a check for \$80,000, and Elizalde bought a house on Massachusetts avenue, redecorated it, and moved in just before war broke ... French Ambassador Henry-Haye has just received assurances from Vichy that he will remain in Washington for another six months ... U. S. imports of Scotch whiskey continue to be heavy—Britain's largest source of dollar exchange. Shipments in 1941 were even greater than 1940 ... Commerce Department (American Republics Unit) is looking for male stenographers who know Spanish. They must be American citizens.

Looking Backward

forty years ago.

Rumors that the surface of the earth had been caving in certain sections of Pettis and Morgan counties were investigated yesterday, and on the Kahr's place, in this county, where some prospecting for lead and zinc is in progress, a bituminous deposit has been struck similar in appearance to coal tar and having some of its properties. In digging a well



Otterville

By Miss Cora Cordry.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones have purchased the residence property formerly owned by Asa Bishop, who had been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Cramer, who have moved to Sedalia.

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Mrs. T. R. Crammer returned to Neosho Sunday after a two weeks stay at her home here.

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For Ambulance Service Ph. 8



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Mongrum Is Winner In Open

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—(P)—Lloyd Mongrum stands second place among the leading money winners in the National Professional Golfers Association this year, but he will need some more big winnings before he catches up with Ben Hogan, still far out in front.

Mongrum, who pocketed \$1,000 yesterday by winning the New Orleans \$5,000 open, now has a total of \$3,108 but Hogan leads the field with \$5,958, according to figures of Fred Corcoran, manager of the association.

Others in the big ten of the year are Sam Snead, Hot Springs, Va., \$2,991; Lawson Little, San Francisco, \$2,351; Chick Harbert, Battle Creek, Mich., \$2,261; Byron Nelson, Toledo, O., \$2,174; Jimmy Thompson, \$1,950; Herman Barron, White Plains, N. Y., \$1,831; Harry Cooper, Minneapolis, \$1,674; Chandler Harper, Portsmouth, Va., \$1,525.

Forty-two Out On Tigers' Team

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 23.—(P)—No. 42, worn by Missouri's all-American Darold Jenkins in gridiron wars, will never be seen on the field again by Tiger fans according to an announcement today by the athletic board of Missouri university.

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Guilty Verdict On Slush Fund

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—(P)—Union Electric Company and its former president, Louis H. Egan, were convicted yesterday of violating the corrupt practices section of the Federal Utilities Holding Company Act.

The government charged that a fund of \$591,000 was raised several years prior to 1938 for political contributions to candidates, office holders and politicians.

The defense contended that neither Egan nor the company knew of the fund, authorized it nor participated in its destruction. They said the blame rested on Frank J. Boehm and Albert C. Lawn, former vice presidents who testified for the government.

Maximum penalty possible for the company is a \$10,000 fine on each of eight counts, and for Egan is a two year prison term and a \$10,000 fine.

Seven of the counts against the utility charge the raising and distribution of funds intended to gain favor and buy influence of politicians.

The eighth, and the only count on which Egan was judged guilty charged conspiracy to violate the act.

Federal Judge George H. Moore set sentencing for February 27.

Union Electric is a subsidiary of North American and operates in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.

Armed Group Just Fox Hunters

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(P)—Six squads of state and county police responded with alacrity to an alarm sounded by Sergt. Joseph Briatti that 100 rough looking men, carrying shotguns, were lining up at a suburban highway intersection.

Briatti had received the report by an excited motorist, who suggested the men might be fifth columnists.

"It looks," the motorist said, "like they're getting ready to cross a field to the power line and the air line beacon there. Anything can happen."

When the dozen policemen arrived at the scene they saw several cars unloading men at 25 yard intervals. They fitted the description given by the motorist—dressed like farmers and with shotguns. They deployed along the highway in military fashion.

Ski Bat Man



Schussing downhill at top speed in Sunshine Valley, near Banff, Alberta, Bruno Engler spreads wings tied to arms as he comes to upward incline at end of run. Wings give skier added lift as he soars over snow.

Willkie at 50

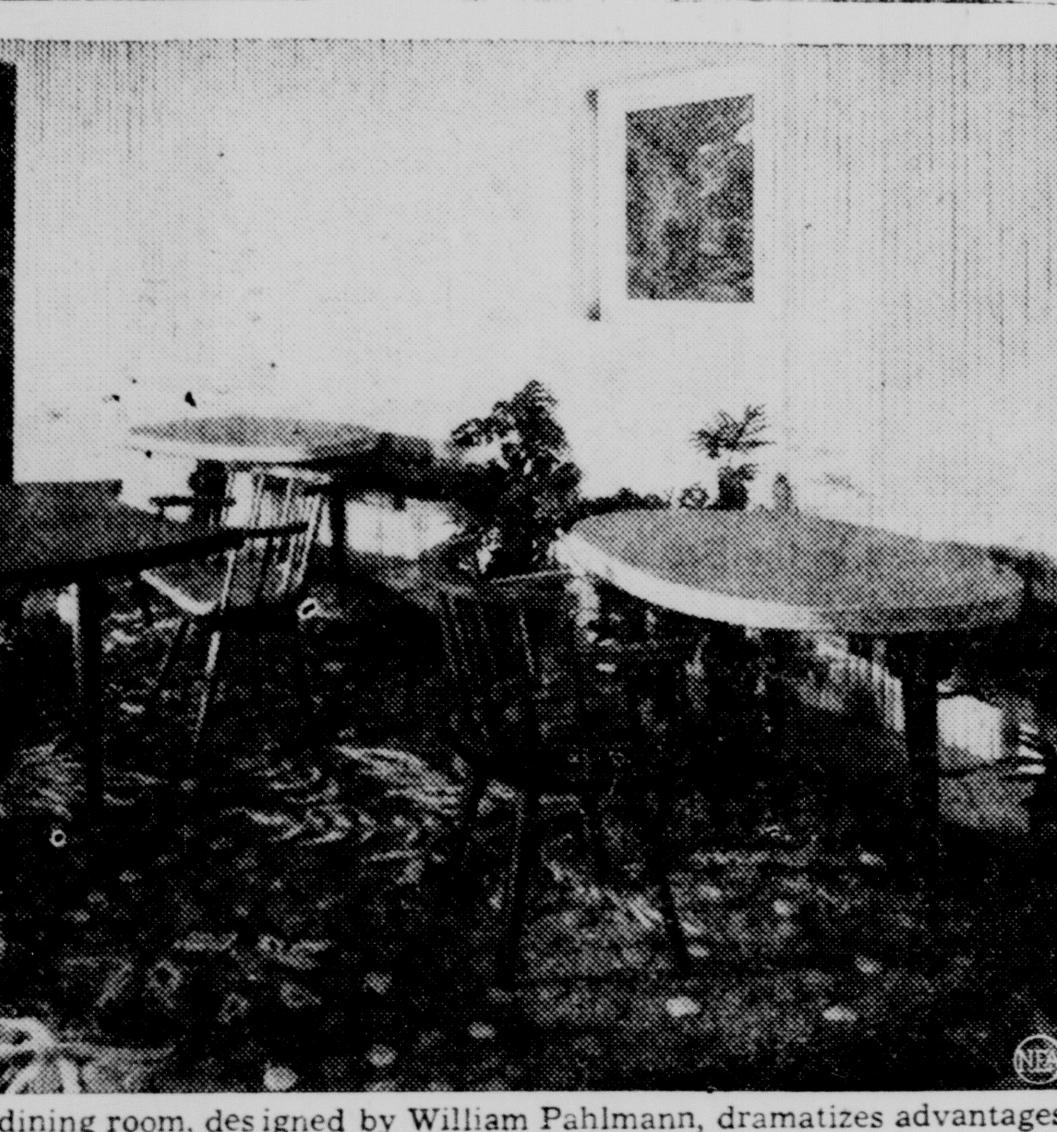


Wendell Willkie doesn't look too decrepit as he observes 50th birthday anniversary in New York.

Surprising West Virginians Earn Invitation Meet Shot



Mainstays of West Virginia's basketball team, clockwise, Scotty Hamilton, Dick Kesling, Walter Rollins, Don Raese, Lou Kalmar, Roger Hicks and Dale Simmons.



THIS handsome modern American dining room, designed by William Pahlmann, dramatizes advantages of the kind you can achieve with careful planning and selection of furniture at any price level—if you pick versatile, flexible units. The small oval tables standing at the side wall, are used for serving and other purposes, but when there are guests these same tables fit snugly into the concave ends of the big dining table. With these ultra-modern tables, reproductions of old pine chairs are used.

Arrest of Aliens In Mass Raids

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(P)—Mass raids that reached into cities and hamlets in four Pacific coast states and into Texas yielded approximately 675 Japanese, German and Italian nationals over the weekend.

Moving night and day along a front reaching from Canada to Mexico, FBI agents and other officers took into custody aliens described as potentially dangerous and seized vast quantities of contraband.

They raided 53 northern California communities and arrested 248 enemy aliens. They seized more than 200 in the Los Angeles area with its vital aircraft plants. San Diego, an important defense base, yielded 35 more. In addition there were more than 90 arrests in Seattle, 13 in Portland, five in Arizona, and 75 in Houston, Tex.

"Contraband" seized included more than 80,000 rounds of ammunition, hundreds of firearms and various explosives. There were American naval signal flags, military uniforms and an oddly-built therapeutic treatment machine capable of sending short distance radio messages.

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7-Personals

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GOOD USED tires and tubes. Fishing license. Stove and light gasoline. Anti-Freeze. Floral Station, Highway 65 South, Sedalia, Missouri.

10-Strayed, Lost, Found

LOST—Ladies yellow gold wrist-watch, Waltham. Initials M. E. M. on back. Liberal reward. Phone 1370.

LOST—black billfold, containing currency and important papers. Identification card with Kansas City address. Return to 216 S. Prospect. Reward.

II-Automotive

11-Automobiles for Sale

1939 PLYMOUTH—four door sedan, phone 1030, 1215 S. Ohio.

1939 FORD—2-door sedan, extra tires, \$375.00. 127 S. Park.

1939 BUICK—sedan, radio, heater, new tires, sell cheap. Phone 700.

THREE—1941 Ford 2-door sedans, with radios and heaters. Also several older model cars. Revis Motor Co., LaMonte.

ONE 1941 5 passenger Ford coupe, heater. One 1938 Chrysler sedan, radio and heater. 1936 Tudor Ford, heater. Sherman Meyer, 9th and Engineer.

12-Auto Trucks for Sale

OR TRADE—GMC 1940 truck, in A-1 condition, with new tires. Call 79, La Monte, Mo.

A BARGAIN—1½-ton Chevrolet truck long wheel base. Factory made stock rack and 5.3x6 tires. Call or write Mrs. C. W. Terrell, Route 2, Green Ridge.

13-Auto Accessories, Tires, Parts

USED TIRES for sale, or trade. Camp Sedalia, North 65.

III-Business Service

18-Business Services Offered

ELLISON RADIO SERVICE—211 West Main. All makes. Phone 637.

CARL GOIST, authorized Philco Radio Service, 614 South Ohio Phone 139

METAL—name plates for key rings and dog collars. Dell, 509 E. 4th Street.

PEABODY RADIO SERVICE—Tubes Sedalia's oldest 1319 S. Osage. Phone 854.

GLASS WORK—All kinds of glass glazing. Fingland at Cash Hardware and Paint Company.

REFRIGERATION SERVICE—All makes, Household and Commercial. Sedalia Refrigeration. Phone 234.

HAVE YOUR old cotton mattress made over into one of those fine spring mattresses, at a very reasonable cost. Feather mattresses made from your feather beds. Bryan-Paulus Awning Company Phone 131.

23-Insurance and Surety Bonds

NOW YOU can buy individual hospitalization insurance. Call Jack Crawford, 1313.

WANTED—Day work. Curtains, blankets, small bundles laundered. 1328 evenings.

25-Moving, Trucking, Storing

MIDDLETON STORAGE COMPANY—Dependable service under owner management responsibility. Storing, moving, packing and crating. Lamine and Missouri Pacific tracks. Phone 946.

results 10 words, 1 week, 80c. Democrat-Capital Classified Ads \$2. Phone 1000.

IV-Employment

32-Help Wanted Female

MIDDLE AGED—woman for house work and companion. Stay nights. 903 S. Lamine. Phone 2386.

WHITE GIRL for general house work, stay nights \$6.00. J. L. Rosenthal, 1101 W. Broadway. Phone 2863.

GIRL—experienced in general office work and stenography. State experience in reply. Write Box "711" care Democrat.

33-Help Wanted—Male

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomas have moved to the house known as the Charles Rissler place.

Mr. and Mrs. Miriam Houchen and family, of Houstonia, are moving the first of March to a home, 3½ miles north-east of here at which time the present occupants Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas and family will move to a farm in the Houstonia vicinity.

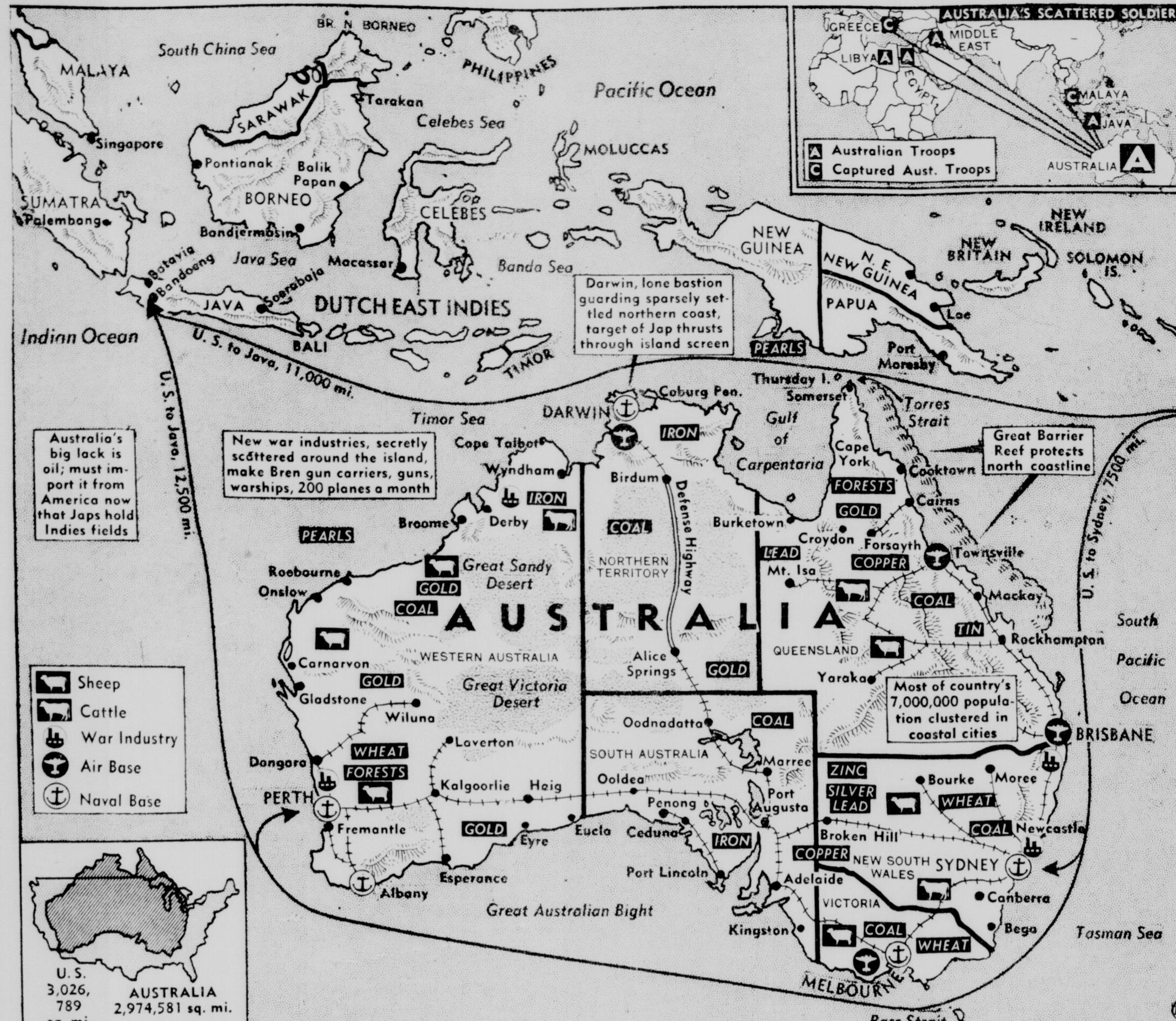
Mrs. John Morris, D. A. R. Regent, of the Patsy Gregg Chapter has requested that all Pettis County members of this chapter be notified that the next D. A. R. meeting will be held at the Murrell Library in Marshall, February 24, with Mrs. Cecil Orear of Marshall as chairman of the hostess committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neef have returned to their home near Houstonia after a short visit with their son, Ellis, who is stationed at Sacramento, Calif. They stopped en route home to visit with Mrs. Neef's sister, Mrs. Teel Adair, who lives in Colorado. Their daughter Miss Jean Neef is an instructor in the Hughesville high school.

Rev. R. E. Hurd is holding services for the pastor the Rev. Alonzo Patison on the first and third Sundays of each month, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Rev. Patison was seriously injured in a car accident last October. Mr. and Mrs. Patison are with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Cassell, and family, of Raytown. Their legs are still in casts and it will be some time before they can be removed.

The Hughesville P. T. A. will hold its regular monthly meeting

AUSTRALIA: INVASION IMPERILS LAND OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS



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on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. at the Hughesville school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, of the state of California, where Mr. Smith has been stationed in the U. S. army, en route to Oklahoma City where he has been transferred, stopped for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Walter Owens, and for a visit with his parents who live in Houstonia.

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